

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 6, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Group I corresponding to Claims 1-7 and 12 and drawn to a system for manufacturing a polymer mat. Applicant hereby withdraws Group II (Claims 8-11), Group III, (Claims 13-14) and Group IV (Claims 15-16) as being directed to a nonelected invention with the proviso that these claims may be prosecuted in subsequent divisional applications.

Applicants' request for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) as well as Applicants' petition fee are enclosed herewith and filed simultaneously with this response.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any necessary fees or credit any overpayments in this application to Deposit Account No. 11-0160.

Respectfully submitted,

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